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SUBJECT: CCMS GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PILOT STUDY: SMALL POWER PLANT
CONFERENCE

REF: A. LISBON 5589; B. STATE 273648; C. LISBON 5209

1. GOP HAS NOT YET ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS POSED REF B. IN
REGARD TO DATES, HOWEVER, GOP PREFERS PERIOD OF END-MAY, BEGIN-
NING JUNE 1975 FOR REASONS LISTED BELOW.

2. MUCH OF JAN 1975 WILL BE DEVOTED TO INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC
WRESTLING WITH BUDGETARY PROBLEMS, LEAVING HARD WORK ON CON-
FERENCE PLANNING FOR FEB. GOP TECHNICAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT
BELIEVE ONE MONTH WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR THEM TO PREPARE
ADEQUATELY FOR CONFERENCE, AN ASSESSMENT IN WHICH EMBASSY
CONCURS. PREFERENCE THEREFORE IS FOR LATER ON IN SPRING.

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3. "SECOND UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND

USE OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES," BEING ORGANIZED IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH HELP FROM US DEPT OF INTERIOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY, UNIV CALIFORNIA, GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES COUNCIL AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS, WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 20-29. GOP WOULD LIKE TO SEND DELEGATION TO SYMPOSIUM, IF FINANCIAL RESOURCES PERMIT. GOP SUGGESTS THAT AZORES CONFERENCE MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SOME OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN SYMPOSIUM AND, ACCORDINGLY, SUGGESTS AZORES CONFERENCE BE SCHEDULED BEGIN ON HEELS SYMPOSIUM'S TERMINATION. (EUROPEAN DELEGATES TO SYMPOSIUM COULD RETURN HOME VIA TWA FLIGHT 910, LEAVING BOSTON ON THURSDAYS AT 2110 AND ARRIVING AT 0600 FRIDAY AT SANTA MARIA IN AZORES, OR VIA TAP FLIGHT 323, LEAVING BOSTON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 1910 AND ARRIVING AT SANTO MARIA AT 0405.)

4. COMMENT: FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED (REF C, PARA 3) EMBASSY FOUND PROPOSED CONFERENCE DATE (EARLY MARCH) HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS. CONFERENCE DATE PROPOSED BY PORTUGUESE DOES NOT HAVE SAME ADVANTAGES. HOWEVER, AN AZORES CONFERENCE PREPARED FOR PERIOD END-MAY/BEGINNING JUNE OFFERS OTHER ADVANTAGES OF NO LESS INTEREST TO US. WE BELIEVE PORTUGUESE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INTEGRATION INTO INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY BY HOSTING FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE TO UN SYMPOSIUM. CONFERENCE'S NATO CONNECTION WOULD THUS ILLUSTRATE NICELY HOW NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN ITS NON-MILITARY ASPECT SERVES PRACTICAL SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBER STATES. NATO COUNTRY DELEGATES RETURNING FROM SAN FRANCISCO MIGHT FIND AZORES STOP EN ROUTE CONVENIENT AND RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE WAY OF ATTENDING TWO CONFERENCES FOR LITTLE MORE THAN PRICE OF ONE, THEREBY ENCOURAGING THEIR ATTENDANCE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT CONCURRENCE IN CONFERENCE SCHEDULING PROPOSED BY PORTUGUESE OR, IF FOR ANY REASON THIS UNSATISFACTORY, ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE EMBASSY CAN PASS ON ASAP. SCOTT

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